

Seosamh Mac Gabhann Online Summer School 2021

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, the Seosamh Mac Gabhann Summer School took place online again this year from June 28th to July 2nd. Classes were provided free of charge on Facebook Live, with over 100,000 views from 34 countries. This global audience included people from Ireland, Scotland, Wales, England, Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Russia, Belarus, Czech Republic, Hungary, Israel, Poland, Romania, Peru, Bolivia, Suriname, South Africa, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Taiwan, India, South Korea and Japan!

The Seosamh Mac Gabhann Summer School could not take place without the support of so many people and the Summer School Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the following:

- The participants, who really enjoyed the classes and made this clear with such positive feedback to their tutors.
- The tutors, who were amazing, delivering such professional tuition to all the musicians, singers and dancers who were lucky enough to find the time to join their tutorials.
- The sponsors, including The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, Mayo County Council and Comhaltas.
- Councillors John Caulfield and Gerry Murray, for helping to secure funding for the Summer School on an annual basis.
- Fr. Vincent Sherlock for celebrating the Summer School Mass and the choir led by Ann Marie Rooney and Marian Egan.
- Everyone who donated to our fundraiser for the Western Care Association, which raised a wonderful total of €2,127.

Feedback from the week was all extremely positive and here is a short selection of the comments received, which are a testament to the wonderful tutors:

"It was a fantastic week of music and fabulous teachers".

"Thank you Laura Ganley (Sean Nós Dancing) for all the great tuition over the past week and to the Summer School, you are a fabulous dancer, really enjoyed the past week".

"Really enjoyed the week's entertainment with Caoimhe Kearins (Traditional Singing). Great variety in singing and all the background info to each song".

"A cracking set of lessons this week from Joseph McNulty (Bodhrán), thanks a million, so well structured".

"Thanks very much Michael Hurley (Tin Whistle), a fantastic week. Great choice and background to tunes".

"Well done, what a great week of music and got some lovely tunes to work on for banjo, thanks again and to Banjo tutor Theresa O'Grady".

"Thanks so much John Wynne (Flute), I've learnt so much and will keep re-watching the videos to absorb as much as I can".

"Really great Breda Shannon (Concertina), looking forward to Kilmovee!"

"That was absolutely delightful Éadaoin Ní Mhaicín (Harp). Thank you".

"Thank you Daithí Gormley (Accordion) - great to have your expertise. I have plenty to keep me going for the summer with 5 new tunes".

"Thank you for a wonderful bunch of tunes and excellent teaching this week Oisín Mac Diarmada (Fiddle) - really first rate! Thank you to Seosamh Mac Gabhann School - this is a wonderful event, spirit lifting in every way".

Each class is still available on the Seosamh Mac Gabhann Summer School Facebook Page for anyone that would like to learn a new tune, song or dance.

Nollaig faoi shéan agus Athbhliain faoi mhaise duit!

Website – www.smgsummerschool.com

Facebook Page – *Seosamh Mac Gabhann Summer School*